8% per annum growth of the economy and 2 crore similar opportunities through special employment generation programmes.

(b) Various initiatives taken by the Government, particularly in the industrial, infrastructure and services sector, have led to the economy registering an impressive growth of around 8.5%, 7.5% and 8.1% during the last three years. As a result, substantial employment opportunities were expected to be created. In addition to the growth based employment, Government is implementing various poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes both in the rural & urban areas. These include Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Prime Minister' Rojgar Yojana, Swarnajayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana etc. The latest initiative taken by the Government is the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the 200 identified districts of the country, which provides for at least 100 days of guaranteed employment in a financial year to every household in the rural areas and whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

(c) As per the Mid Term Appraisal document of the Planning Commission, no fresh quinquennial survey based data has become available since the formulation of the 10th Plan. Since the last such survey for which results are published, was conducted during 1999-2000, employment opportunities generated since 2000 are not available at present. In the absence of the results of 2004-05 survey, Planning Commission made an assessment of the employment generation during the 2002—2005 based on growth in output and observed elesticities in the recent past. As per the projections made, employment (on Current Daily Status Basis) has gone up from 344.68 million in 2001-02 to 362.64 million in 2004-05. State-wise and sector-wise details are not available.

Formation of Geographical Identification Registry

*149. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering formation of a Geographical Identification Registry for the country for region-specific agro-produce like Darjeeling Tea, Nagpur Oranges and Coorg Coffee;

(b) if so, the tentative list of products to be listed in the Registry;

(c) whether rose onion which is exclusively grown in Central Karnataka, Government would consider listing of other commodities like Bangalore Agarbaties and Sandal products, which are also region specific; and

(d) whether products like Sivakasi match boxes, Morbi clocks and Aligarh locks qualify for inclusion in the Registry?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A Geographical Indications Registry with all India jurisdiction has been set up in Chennai on 15th September, 2003, as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. Darjeeling tea is one of the 28 products already registered by the Registry. A list of the 28 registered products is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) As per the Act, agricultural, natural or manufactured goods originating or manufactured in the territory of a country, or a region or locality in that territory, where a given quality, reputation or other characteristic of such goods is essentially attributable to its geographical origin and in case where such goods are manufactured goods one of the activities of either the production or of processing or preparation of the goods concerned takes place in such territory, region or locality as the case may be, are registrable as Geopraphical Indications. Whether a particular product is registrable or not is determined by the Registrar of Geographical Indications, on receipt of the application, as per the Act and the Rules made thereunder. Any association of persons or producers or any organization or authority established by or under any law for the time being in force, representing the interest of the producers of the concerned goods, who are desirous of registering a Geographical Indication in relation to such goods, can apply in writing to the Registrar or Geographical Indications.

Statement

Registered Geographical Indications (Products)

Sl. No.	Geographical Indication	Product	State	Applicant
01	Darjeeling Tea	Tea Textiles	West Bengal	Tea Board, 14, B. T. M. Sarani (Brabourne Road), P. O. Box No. 2172, Kolkatta-700 001
02	Pochampally Ikat		Andhra Pradesh	Pochampally Handloom Weavers Co-op. Society Ltd.,

Sl. No.	Geographical Indication	Product	State	Applicant
				Pochampally Handloom Tie & Dye Silk Sarees Manufacturers Association, Post & Mandal Pochampally, District Nakjonda-508 284. Andhra Pradesh.
03	Chanderi saree	Textiles	Guna, Madhya Pradesh	Chanderi Development Foundation, Old Telephone Exchange Building, Rajghat Road, Chanderi, M.P.
04	Kotpad Handloom fabric	Textiles	Koraput, Orissa	The Orissa State Handloom Weavers Co-op. Society Ltd., (BOYANIKA) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Bhubaneswar-751001, Orissa.
05	Kota Doria	Textiles	Kota, Rajasthan	Kota Doria Development Hadauti Foundation (KDHF), Sadar Bazaar, Kaithun, District Kota, Rajasthan.
06	Kancheepuram silk	Textiles	Tamil Nadu	Department of Handlooms and Textiles (Government of Tamil Nadu) Kuralagam llnd Floor, Chennai-600 018
07	Bhavani Jamakkalam	Textile, carpets	Erode, Tamil Nadu	Department of Handlooms and Textiles, (Government of Tamil Nadu) Kuralagam llnd Floor, Chennai-600 018
08	Mysore Agarbathi	Incens'e sticks	Mysore, Karnataka	All India Agarbathi Manufacturers Association, FKCCI Building, Kempgowda Road, Bangalore - 560 009
09	Aranmula Kannadi	Metal Mirror	Kerala	Viswabrahmana Aranmula Kannadi Nirman Society Viswabrahmana Buildings. S. Fort, Aranmula, Kerala.
10	Salem Fabric	Textiles	Tamil Nadu	Salem Exporters Association, 108, Sivanar Main Road, Gugai, Salem - 636 006
12	Solapur Terry Towel	Textiles	Maharashtra	Textile Development Foundation, 79, Jodbasavanna Chowk, Raviwar Peth, Solapur-413 005

SI. No	Geographical Indication	Product	State	Applicant
13	Mysore Silk	Textiles	Karnataka	Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Limited, (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise), III & IV Floor, Public Utility Building, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001, Karnataka State.
14	Kullu Shawl	Textiles	Himachal Pradesh	H. P. Patent Information Centre, State Council of Science, Technology & Environment, B-34, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009
15	Madurai Sungudi	Textiles	Tamil Nadu	Department of Handlooms and Textiles, (Government of Tamil Nadu) Kuralagam llnd Floor, Chennai-600 018
16	Kangra Tea	Tea	Himachal Pradesh	H.P. Patent Information Centre, State Council of Science, Technology & Environment, B-34, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009
17	Coorg Orange	Horticulture Product	Karnataka	Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka, Biotechnology Centre, Hulimavu, PB No. 7648, Bangalore - 560 076 Karnataka.
18	Mysore Betel Leaf	Horticulture Product	Karnataka	Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka, Biotechnology Centre, Hulimavu, PB No. 7648, Bangalore - 560 076 Karnataka.
19	Nanjanagud Banana	Horticulture Product	Karnataka	Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka, Biotechnology Centre, Hulimavu, PB No. 7648, Bangalore -560 076 Karnataka.
20	Mysore Sandalwood Oil	Essential Oil	Karnataka	Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited, (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise), Sandalwood Oil Division Mysore Karnataka State - India & Sandalwood Oil Division, Shimoga, Karnataka State - India

Sl. No.	Geographical Indication	Product	State	Applicant
21	Mysore Sandal Soap	Soap	Karnataka	Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited, (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise), Sandalwood Oil Division Mysore, Karnataka State India & Sandalwood Oil Division, Shimoga, Karnataka State -India.
22	Bidriware	Handicrafts	Karnataka	Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, 45, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore - 560 001
23	Channapatna Toys and Dolls	Handicrafts	Karnataka	Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, 45, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore - 560 001
24	Coimbatore Wet Grinder	Wet Grinder	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore Wet Grinders & Accessories Manufacturers Association, 133, Katoor Street, P. N. Palayam, Coimbatore -641 037
25	Mysore Rosewood Inlay	! Handicrafts	Karnataka	Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, 45, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore - 560 001
26	Kasuti Embroidery	Embroidery (Textiles)	Karnataka	Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, 45, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore - 560 001
27	Mysore Traditional Paintings	Paintings	Karnataka	Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, 45, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore - 560 001
28	Orissa Ikat	Yarn& Threads Tied and Dyed for Textile Goods Clothing	Orissa	Managing Director, The Orissa State Handloom Weavers Coop. Society Ltd., (BOYANIKA) Pandit Jawaharia Nehru Marg, Bhubaneswar - 751001, Orissa.